

Safety Tips: Open Burning

- Open burning is not allowed within the city limits.
- Open burning for the purpose of recreational fires is allowed as long as the fire is contained to a fire pit where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height, such as the fire pits that are sold at your local home improvement stores.
- When using recreational fire pits ensure that all of the manufacturers recommendations are followed for its particular use.
- Only approved wood or wood type products that are normally sold for these recreational fire pits shall be used.
- Burning of overgrown vegetation, rubbish or any other trash is not allowed whether it is contained in a fire pit or not.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Anytime a recreational fire is in use, the fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher (with a minimum rating of 4-A) or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or water hose shall be available for immediate utilization.
- Any special request for any other type of event that would involve any type of open burning (such as school bonfires) must be requested through the El Paso Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division.
- Any other questions regarding open burning can be addressed to the El Paso Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division at 915-485-5699.